

are to be the moral and religious leaders for many years to come. In the next hundred years the right men in the ministry will help the Negroes more than teachers or doctors. We need a ministry who believe in the Bible and preachers who believe in the Sermon on the Mount. We need a ministry who are able to discern the difference and the fine line of division between the old emotional black man and the young educated Negro, so that they will never get too far from the old-time Negro, nor too far from the young educated Negro to sympathize with them. We need a ministry who believe in the Sunday-school, who will attend the Sunday-school, carrying the Bible with them. These are the needs of the ministry and the needs of our people. These ministers should go out to our people in the country districts and everywhere where they can help them. If they begin with the children and get them interested they will secure the sympathy and coöperation of the older people. By their example and life they will lift their colored brother out of all his degradation and put him on his feet again.

Need of Training in Christian Work

Our young people need to be trained themselves in Christian work. They are going out from the schools to the Sunday-school, with little conception of their duties to their race, many go into a class to teach without having studied or even seen the lesson. We need Sunday-school teachers who are so well trained and so full of the Bible lesson themselves that they will fairly bubble, and will present the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, to the pupils. These are the men we need, and the only way we can have them training the boys and girls is for the person to be so filled with the knowledge of the Bible that when he sits down to teach the class he may tell them plainly and concisely about the lesson, and they will profit by such a teacher. He will be able to help the pupils who have left their Bibles at home. They will get a new outlook and perhaps a new incentive to study the Bible for themselves.

These are our needs and the needs of the young men and women who shall come up after us. And the boys and girls when they leave the school should have a Bible of their own with which they are familiar.

REV. B. W. FARRIS. — I want to ask if the people are prepared to receive an educated minister. Is it not true that the plan of the Sunday-school literature scattered among them will prepare them to receive an educated minister? If the educated

minister comes will they receive him? What are these men going to do?

Dr. Schaufler's Sermon

Answer. I heard a sermon at Bar Harbor, by Dr. Schaufler, of New York. He said he was going to talk to the young people about being the light of the world. He took out a candle and struck a match and lighted it. He said, "This little candle not only gives light, but it keeps shining"; and beginning from there he preached to the little folk. He said that this little candle was going on doing its duty, and he made it so very simple that any little child could not help but understand. There is not a person on the face of this continent who could not have understood that sermon. And then he turned and preached to the older ones and his talk was just as simple,

The Need of Simple Language

How I wish that our Negro ministers would say what they have to say in a language so simple that almost an idiot could understand it. When that sermon was through, I went out of that church inspired with the great need of all of our ministers to come down to simplicity; and the only way to do so is to have men so educated that they can be simple in their language.

BISHOP CLINTON. The statement I want to make is that when I have sent an intelligent man to these people, they do not want any other kind.

"The Greatest Field for Activity"

REV. C. C. JACOBS, Sumter, S. C., general field secretary of the Board of Sunday-Schools of the Methodist Episcopal Church, for work among the Negroes, said at Clifton:

"This Conference has given me new hope and inspiration. I see a new day approaching. I think the greatest field for activity along the line of development and elevation is in the Sunday-school. The old methods are dying out. The new method of salvation is to take the child and make of him such a man as he should be. We are not aiming to get the older people, but we want to get the children.

"We feel that it is time to take hold of the Sunday-school. The ordinary minister is delighted to do his duty. In the Methodist Episcopal Church we are trying to get an educated ministry. It is a pretty hard thing to get. The boys come from all kinds of homes and they have poor preparation for the work."